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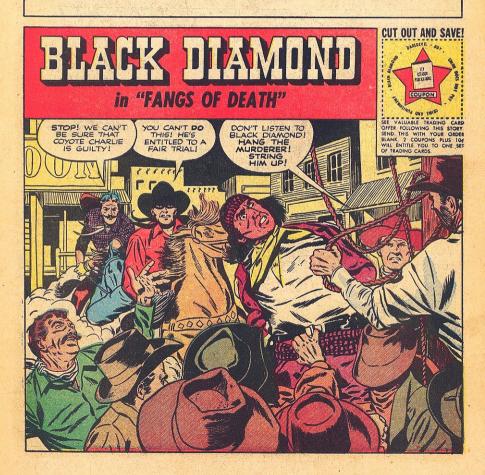
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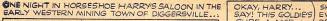
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THAT NIGHT JOE AND GUS WERE STILL ON THE DREADED TRAIL TO DRY GULCH ...





















THE NEXT MORNING THE ENRAGED MINERS FOUND CHARLIE BRAZENLY SITTING ON THE STEPS OF HARRY'S SALOON! THEY STRUCK OUT AT HIM IN REVENCE LIKE WILD MEN...





JUST AT THAT MOMENT BLACK DIAMOND, CHECKING CLAIMS IN DIGGERSVILLE, ARRIVES ON THE SCENE...









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THEIR FEAR OF THE LION WAS SO GREAT THAT COYOTE CHARLIE WAS ALMOST FORGOTTEN!





BUT COYOTE CHARLIE SEEMED



... AND THE WILD BEAST STARTED PEACEFULLY AWAY... BUT THERE WAS LITTLE GRATITUDE... WELL, THAT WAS QUITE A SHOW! BUT I BET WE DON'T SEE CHARLIE AGAIN! WHAT- WITH THAT LION IN WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT THE STREET HIM!

THE REVENGE-CRAZED MINERS SHOULD HAVE SAVED THEIR SPEATH FOR AFTER CHARLIE HAD COWED THE BEAST AND IT HAD RETURNED TO THE HILLS, COYOTE CHARLIE CAME BACK TO BLACK DIAMOND AND THE MEN WHO MIGHT LIANG HIM. MIGHT HANG HIM ...



























IT WAS CLEVER OF BAREFOOT, HARRY...50 CLEVER THAT YOU ALMOST HANGED AN MAN!

... BUT YOU MADE THE STUPID MISTAKE THE STUPID MISTAKE
OF USING YOUR DOG
AFTER CHARLIE'S
COYOTE HAD BEEN
KILLED! COME ON,
HARRY! WE'RE
TAKING YOU IN!







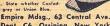


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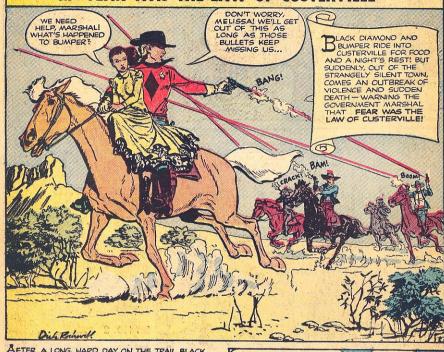
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BLACK DIAMOND

in "FEAR WAS THE LAW OF CUSTERVILLE"



AFTER A LONG, HARD DAY ON THE TRAIL, BLACK DIAWOND AND HIS PAL, BLIMPER FOUND THEMSELVES APPROACHING THE TOWN OF CLUSTERVILLE AT THRIMNG PROSPERCUS MINING TOWN, CUSTERVILLE WAS KNOWN AS AN OASI OF PEACE AND LAWFULNESS, SITUATED IN THE HEART OF THE "BAO LANDS"!







UP IN FRONTI NOBODY IN HERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON
ACOUND HERE,
ANYWAY!
JONE FOR
YOURSELE!

BY! KEEP! WHAT IS IT!

D.:DON'T ASK ME MARSHAL! WHY DO YOU ASK THE SHERIFF!



WELL, SHERIFF, WHAT-EVER YOUR NAME IS, I'VE NEVER BEEN CUSED OF NOSIN AROUND BEFORE! YOU PRETTY HAPPY TO SEE U.S. MARSHALS STOP BY!

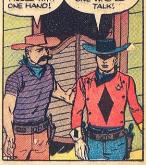
CARR IS THE NAME! SHERIFF MATT CARR YOU MARSHALS GOT NO JURIS DICTION IN THIS TOWN UNLESS I CALL YOU!

AN' I AIN'T CALLIN' ON YOU! WE DON'T LIKE MEDDLIN STRANGERS IN THIS TOWN — U.S. MARSHALS INCLUDED! YOU HEARD WHAT THE BAR-SO MOVE ON! GIT!



YOU MEAN LET THAT GUY. THAT WAY? HIM IN THREE

WE'LL GET BACK SHERIFF MATT CARR LATER! THE WAY I FIGURE, A HAS ENEMIES! ONE WHO'LL





WOW! LOOK AT THIS PLACE! SOMEONE SURE HOWDY, MISS! MY NAME'S MARSHAL BOB WHO...WHAT..WHAT DO YOU WANT? GO AWAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE! HASN'T ENOUGH HAPPENED ALREADY! DIDN'T LIKE ME THE BLACK DIAMOND! THIS NEWSPAPER! WONDER IF YOU COULD ...

YOU DON'T JNDERSTAND, MISS! IF SOME THING IS WRONG AND FROM THE LOOKS OF YOUR PRINTING SHOP SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG

YOU'RE TOO LATE! MY FATHER'S DEAD AND THEY KILLED HIM. KILLED HIM...

JUST LIKE THEY'VE

KILLED ALL THE

OTHERS WHO

HAVE TRIED TO

BRING LAW AND

DECENCY TO

CUSTERVILLE!



YOU MEAN YOUR FATHER WAS MURDERED AND THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER MURDERS, TOO! WHO DID IT! DO YOU KNOW? IS SHERIFF



SHERIFF CARR

HA! WHAT WOULD

THERE BE FOR HIM

TO INVESTIGATE?

HE DID IT! HE AND HIS TERRIBLE BROTHERS! BUT

IT WON'T BE

WHY WERE THE CARR BOYS TRYING TO ARREST YOUR FATHER AND SMASH HIS SHOP!

MY FATHER WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DEFIED THEM! HE WASN'T AFRAID!

WASHIT AFRAID!

FER FATHER HAD

SH GATHERED DOCU
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HE'S GONE ... NO ONE

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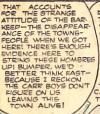
MARSHAL, CAN'T YOU

SEE — FEAR IS THE

LAW IN CUSTERVILLE!







YOU'RE
RIGHT!
TWO MORE
VICTIMS
ON THEIR
LONG
LIST WON'T
BOTHER
THEM!
BLIT YOU
AUST BO
SOME
THING! IT
CANT GO ON
THIS WAY!





MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY HEADQUARTERS OF THE CARR BROTHERS...



WE'LL JUST PUT THESE BOYS AWAY REAL QUIET LIKE! IF ANYBODY COMES EVERYTHING WAS VEAH GOING ALONG JUST FINE UNTIL TODAY, MATT! I TOLD YOU HAT'S PIGHT HEH! LOOKIN' FOR HEH! WE SHOULDA LET WE'LL JUST SAY WE AIN'T SEEN'EM! COMPTON ALONE! WE WEVE NEVER SEWED UP! HE COULD HAVE DONE A THING NOW WE GOTHIS MUR-AND A COUPLE OF GET RID OF!

SHUT UP, JAKE! COMPTON WAS TALKIN' TOO MUCH WITH THAT PAPER OF HIS! WHAT'S A COUPLE OF KILLIN'S COMPARED TO THE MONEY WE'RE CLEANIN' UP ON THIS JOB! ONE MORE MONTH AND WE CAN CLEAR OUT OF THIS TERRITORY, MILLIONAIRES! NOW GIT AFTER THAT BIG GUY WITH THE MUSTACHE! YILL HANDLE THE MASKED GUY MYSELF!



BUMPER MOUNTED HIS GREAT BLACK HORSE, EL LOBO, AND RODE DESPERATELY INTO THE NIGHT, STRAINING TO THE UTMOST, KNOW-ING THAT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, BLACK DIAMOND MIGHT BE HIGHT-ING A DUEL TO DEATH...















WHILE BUMPER RIDES ON FOR HELP, DIAMOND KEEPS WATCH WITH MELISSA. KNOWING THAT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL MATT CARR MAKES HIS NEXT MOVE...



BY NOW JAKE HAS DONE IN THAT OTHER MAVERICK! AND WITH THIS ONE OUT OF THE WAY WE'LL BE SITTIN' PRETTY!

MELISSA, I THINK I'D BETTER
NOT HANG ARCUND WHERE I
CAN BE SEEN ANY MORE THAN
IS NECESSARY, SO I'LL TAKE
MY HORSE, RELIAPON, MOVE
OUT TO THE EDGE OF TOWN
AND MEET BUMPER AND
THE MEN ON THEIR WAY
BACK HERE.



"...I HAVE ALL OF CATHER'S DOCU!"
MEDITED BYIDENCE
AT HOME! I'LL GO
THERE AND HIDE IT
JUST IN CASE THEY
FIND CUT THEY
DIDN'T DESTROY
IT WHEN THEY
B

GOOD GIRL, MELISSAI WE'LL NEED THAT EVIDENCE VINEN WE BRING THEM TO TRIAL! BUT FIRST, WE HAVE TO PUT THEM BE-













AS THE BRAVE MARSHAL IS CARTIED UNCONSCIOUS TO A NEARBY BUILDING HIS FAITHFUL HORSE RELIAPON SENSES IMMEDIATE DANGER...



HURRYING TO THE ONLY OTHER HUP MAN BEING HE KNOWS TO BE FRIENDLY, RELIAPON RACED BACK TO THE PRINT SHOP!











A FEW SECONDS LATER, BLACK DIA-







AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS ONE CHANCE OF ESCAPE...





A FEW MOMENTS LATER ... AS BUMPE NEARED CUSTERVILLE WITH TEN DEPUTIES ...

BUMPER, LOOK THERE'S ONLY ONE ON THE CREST HORSE I KNOW OF THE HILL! ONE HORSE UKE THAT!



THEY'RE RIGHT
BEHIND US, BUMPER,
COMN'AS FAST AS
THEY CAN - SOMEBODY UNTILE ME! THEM
WE'LL POLISH THEM
OFF! THEY'RE
OUTNUMBERED!

OKAY, DIAMOND! SPREAD OUT BEHIND THE ROCKS, MEN! WE'LL GIVE 'EM A SUR-PRISE PARTY!



YOUR BADGE-WEARING DAYS ARE OVER, CARR...WE'RE ARRESTIN' YOU FOR MURDER!

YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING, BLACK DIAMOND! YOU HAVEN'T ANYTHING ON US!



SHERIFF OF CUSTERVILLE! THERE AIN'T A CITIZEN WHO'LL TESTIF) AGAINST GET MOVING, CARR!
YOU'VE GOT A
RECEPTION COMMITTEE WAITIN' FOR
YOU BACK AT
CUSTERVILLE!

AGAINST

ME!

THAT WAS

TRUE BUT NOT

CARR! YOU

RULED WITH

TERROR LOAS

ENOUGH! NOW

YOU'RE GOING

TO PAY! AND

EVIDENCE

EVIDENCE

HAMFYOU!

SO AS THE FIRST STREAMS OF SUNLIGHT AWAKEN THE PROFILE OF CLISTER VILLE, THEY CAME FORTH TO VIEW A STRANGE PARADE! THERE MEN WHO ONCE STRUCK TERROR IN THE HEART OF EVERY CITIZEN NOW PARADED REPORE THEM TIED LIKE ANIMALS ONE TO THE OTHER! THAY ENDED THE INFA. MOUS CAREERS OF THE CARR BOYS AND PEACE WAS ONCE AGAIN RESTORD TO CUSTERVILLE...



Dilemma In Drygrass



the iron horse chugged its sooty way into the station of Drygrass. Only one passenger alighted but this one was enough to start the local tongues clicking and the local hands reaching in pockets to lay bets as to this "gentleman's" business in Drygrass.

Not that the local folk of Drygrass weren't gentlemen, they just lacked the trappings that the newcomer, Mr. Van Derveer sported. Mr. Van Derveer stood on the platform of the Drygrass station, pulled out a large gold watch which hung from a long gold chain and checked the time. He brushed off his well tailored suit casually, looked neither right nor left, picked up his suitcase and walked briskly into town.

"Bonehead" Bonhard lounged on the steps of the local Post Office with his friend Jorgenson and the two followed the progress of Mr. Van Derveer's first hour in Drygrass. Mr. Van Derveer went first to the local hotel. Soon he walked out of the hotel and went into the Post Office, right up the steps past Bonehead and Jorgenson without seeing either one. Mr. Van Derveer walked out of the Post Office and then directly to the Land Office. Then he went back to the hotel.

"What in tarnation does a fellow like that come to this sheep town for?" Bonehead asked Jorgenson, curiosity burning in his faded blue eyes.

"Sheep town? Bonehead, this is a cow town!" corrected Jorgenson. After setting Bonehead straight, he continued, "Durned if I know. Maybe he's one of the rustlin' gang that's been givin' us so much trouble."

"You mean you think he looks like a crook?" queried Bonehead. "I thought he looked more like a big time gambler or a big city businessman."

Bonehead and Jorgenson speculated about the stranger for a while but as always, returned to the eternal subject of cattle versus sheep. In the town of Drygrass the two interests met and clashed. The cattle men wanted the sheep men out of their way and the sheep men felt as strongly about the cattle men. The two obviously couldn't operate near each other without continuous tension. On open range sheep and cattle couldn't be mixed. The sheep cropped the grass too closely and the cattle were left with no grazing. The cattle men contended that the cattle should have first grazing rights, then the sheep could follow. The sheep men didn't want to be pushed around by the cattle men and said they'd got there first and if the cattle didn't like it they could move on. There was no reason why the sheep weren't entitled to rich grazing land. So Bonehead and Jorgenson bickered and scarcely noticed that Mr. Carlson, one of the biggest cattle men in the territory rode into town.

"But those dirty sheep are such stupid animals," Jorgenson contended.

"If you think they're stupid, have you ever tried to get a cow to do anything you wanted?" queried Bonehead. "Hey, was that Carlson going into the hotel?"

"Maybe our citified friend is in cahoots with the cattle interests, ha ha," laughed Jorgenson, feeling that his side was one jump ahead. He laughed too soon because from the other end of town in rode Mr. Fowler, the sheep king of the territory. Fowler reined in his horse in front of the hotel and disappeared through the door.

Jorgenson and Bonehead could do little but speculate during the days that followed. Actually they did nothing else, anyway, and were glad for a new subject for speculation, However, they always returned to the eternal subject which was on the tongue of everyone in Drygrass — cattle or sheep?

The war between the sheep and cattle men was a cold war at first. Before the mysterious appearance of Mr. Van Derveer, the war had broken out into incidents and often costly incidents.

One night a hundred head of sheep were led over a cliff and smashed on the rocks below. Sheep aren't so stupid as to dash themselves over the rocks, said the sheep men. They were up in arms, rode to the ranches of the cattle men, but no one could place a finger on the culprit.

During that same month an uncommon number of cattle disappeared and it was rumored among the cattle men that the sheep men were enjoying an abundant and delicious diet of steaks and roast beef. The cattle men stormed the sheep men but the sheep men pleaded innocence to the charge.

Incident followed incident and tempers were high. Citizens of Drygrass were either on one side or the other, there was no in between It was even rumored that Mr. Carlson or Mr. Fowler, no one could remember which, had written to Washington complaining about the incidents and demanding that something be done.

Such were the subjects that Bonehead and Jorgenson discussed daily. Now with the advent of the mysterious Mr. Van Derveer, their conversation had new meat and new meaning. One day the two, from their 'eternal roost on the steps of the Post Office, saw Mr. Van Derveer come out of the hotel and go to Tony's stable.

"Do you suppose that greenie is really going to try to ride a horse?" queried Bonehead.

Just at that moment, Van Derveer followed Tony out of the stable. Tony led his prepalomino and Van Derveer, without a shudder, mounted the horse and rode out of town.

"I'll be, I wouldn't have thought he could do it," mused Jorgenson, scratching his tousled white hair. "But what were those funny sticks he was carrying?"

"I saw those, I don't know. They looked like yardsticks. Hope he isn't going to use them on the palomino," answered Bonehead.

Incidents continued to happen on the range and Bonehead and Jorgenson always had plenty of conversational material. One day Carlson reported the loss of his prize bull, the next day Fowler reported the loss of his prize ram. No trace of either was found and the war continued and Van Derveer continued his silent work.

Every morning Bonehead and Jorgenson would see Van Derveer leave the hotel, go to the stable, mount the same palomino and ride out of town. Still he carried the peculiar "yardsticks" in his hand.

As Bonehead and Jorgenson sat on the steps of the Post Office they again saw Mr. Carlson ride into town, later followed by Mr. Fowler. Both disappeared into the hotel where, Bonehead and Jorgenson were sure, they must confer with Mr. Van Derveer. Bonehead and Jorgenson could never understand why they didn't hear the sound of blows coming from the hotel when Fowler arrived finding that Carlson had preceded him.

Even though the mystery of the stranger,

Van Derveer, was interesting, Bonehead and Jorgenson really gave it little more than conversational thought. There had been many strangers in the town of Drygrass before, they'd come and gone and Jorgenson and Bonehead were none the wiser. But, never had one ridden off on a horse every morning carrying mysterious "yardsticks".

One hot September day as Jorgenson and Bonehead let the life of Drygrass pass before their eyes, they saw Mr. Van Derveer come out of the hotel. He was dressed in the suit he'd worn that day, many months ago, when he'd arrived. Jorgenson and Bonehead remarked that even though so much time had passed they still knew little more about Van Derveer than they had the day he came to town. Mr. Van Derveer had some papers in his hand and he walked to the Land Office. He was there an interminable length of time.

"What do you suppose he's doing in there?" queried Jorgenson.

"Danged if I know. He went in there that first day, remember?" answered Bonehead.

While Mr. Van Derveer was in the Land Office, Mr. Carlson again rode into town, dismounted and disappeared within the confines of the hotel. Shortly after, Mr. Fowler followed. Then, Van Derveer walked out of the Land Office and back to the hotel.

"Now, what do you make of that, Bonehead?" asked Jorgenson.

"I don't make nothin' of that," answered Bonehead as his eyes popped out of his head. "But look at this!" he gasped as he watched Mr. Van Derveer walk out of the hotel with Carlson on one arm and Fowler on the other. The three walked from the hotel, down to the station. Van Derveer boarded the train headed eart. Carlson and Fowler stood arm in arm as the train pulled out.

"This it too much for me," remarked Jorgenson. "I've got to find out what's goin' on." He got up at that moment and stormed toward the Land Office. Bonehead could do little but wait for Jorgenson to return.

When Jorgenson finally sauntered out of the office he poked along toward Bonehead with a smirk on his wrinkled face.

"Hurry up," curiously urged Bonehead. "What's the story?"

"Wellil," drawled Jorgenson. "Mr. Van Derveer has solved the problem."

"What do you mean, the problem? What has he done?" breathlessly asked Bonehead.

"Mr. Van Derveer is a government surveyor. He's surveyed the land and squared part of it off for the sheep men and part off for the cattle men. And, what's more, they're going to build fences," smugly explained Jorgenson.

"Well," sighed Bonehead, as he let out a low whistle. "But what were those yardsticks he carried?"

"Those weren't yardsticks, you stupid Bonehead. That was his trident, no, his tritoad, I mean his tripod!" stumbled Jorgenson.

"Oh!" mused Bonehead. "You know, Jorgenson. I think it was much more interesting before we really knew what Mr. Van Derveer was doing. Mr. Van Derveer has lost all his color now, somehow."

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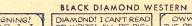




































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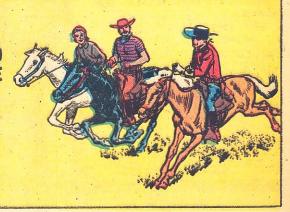
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